

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, prior to the first paragraph which begins on line 3 , please insert the following:

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph which begins on page 1, line 3 and ends on line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The invention relates to an apparatus for determining and/or monitoring a physical or chemical variable in a process. ~~Said~~ The apparatus comprises at least one field device.

On page 1, prior to the second paragraph which begins on line 6, please insert the following:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph which begins on page 1, line 12 and ends on line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Thus, for example, the fill level of a fill substance in a container is usually obtained via the transit time of ultrasonic waves or electromagnetic waves, particularly microwaves, which are reflected on the surface of the fill substance. When microwaves are used, these are radiated either freely into the container in the direction of the surface of the fill substance, or the microwaves are guided along a conductive element in the container. Furthermore, capacitive and radiometric measuring methods are also often used for fill level measurement.

On page 3, prior to the paragraph which begins on line 3, please insert the following:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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On page 5, prior to the paragraph which begins on line 3, please insert the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

On page 5, prior to the paragraph which begins on line 9, please insert the following:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Please delete page 7 in its entirety.